

MISSOURI'S



ACCESSIBLE OUTDOORS

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Region 8 - St. Louis



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INTRODUCTION FOR MISSOURI'S ACCESSIBLE OUTDOORS

The Missouri Department of Conservation is committed to making its programs, services and outdoor resources accessible to everyone. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a law which has considerably improved opportunities for persons with disabilities.

When accessibility of the Conservation Department's facilities and services can be accomplished by new construction or retrofitting, it has been made a budget priority. When construction is not feasible or is inconsistent with the Conservation Department's mandate to conserve Missouri's fish, forests and wildlife, alternatives have been created through policy and the Wildlife Code. For instance:

- Qualified Missouri residents can apply for and receive automatic inclusion in managed hunts.
- Missouri residents with visual or mobility impairments who qualify may take fish, bait and frogs without a permit.
- Fishing education programs are set up for therapy purposes.
- Special fishing permits are granted for supervised groups involved in rehabilitation programs or therapy.
- Hospital patients may fish without permits on hospital grounds while under treatment.

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This booklet contains information on the level of accessibility of some of the Missouri Department of Conservation's facilities in the St. Louis Region. The counties it covers are Warren, St. Charles, St. Louis, Franklin and Jefferson. The Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) standards were used to evaluate the areas in this booklet.

Section One is a table of the facilities listed in Section Two. At a glance, you can see the services/programs offered and their level of accessibility.

Section Two is a narrative describing the accessible features of each facility. Directions from a major Missouri highway to the facility are provided. A phone number is provided after the directions.

The St. Louis Region is primarily an urban area. The Conservation Department works cooperatively with city and county agencies to provide an increased level of quality recreational opportunities (i.e. fishing, river access, accessible structures, etc.) for local residents and visitors. Facilities in this region consist of river and lake accesses where local fishing and boating activities are available.

Within the region, but outside the metropolitan area, are shooting ranges for firearms and archery, and places to hunt deer, turkey, and waterfowl. Urban wild acreage allows people in the city to experience natural wooded areas close to home, walk trails and observe wildlife. In addition, nature centers and visitor centers provide conservation education to all who have an interest in learning more about Missouri's natural resources.

The Department of Conservation has a number of outdoor recreational facilities across Missouri with varying degrees of accessibility. Many are impressive examples of what can be done to ensure the public access to their recreational resources. Others offer primitive or unaltered outdoor experiences. Between these two types are many areas with varying challenge levels.

Currently, there are no uniform federal standards for accessibility at outdoor recreational facilities. For the purpose of this publication, we have chosen to classify challenge levels at Department areas as follows:

LEVELS OF ACCESSIBILITY

1 - Level I - Highly Accessible

1. Parking
 - a. Level - 1:50 2 percent maximum slope in any direction
 - b. Paved
 - c. Signs
2. Path of Travel/Trails/Fishing Elements
 - a. Path to other elements is a minimum of 36 inches

- wide
 - b. Surface is concrete, asphalt, plastic or wood deck
 - c. Minimum two-inch edging or rails at drop-offs
 - d. Switchback ramps with handrails to reach fishing docks, piers and fishing platforms
 - e. Curb cuts/ramps (1:12 slope)
 - f. Sustained maximum slope of 1:12 for 30-35 feet for ramps without landings
 - g. Cross slope 1:50 or less 2 percent
 - h. Maximum of three-fourths inch changes-in-level
3. Toilets/Privies
- a. Door width 32 inches minimum
 - b. Door handles which do not require tight grasping
 - c. Toilet riser height between 16-20 inches
 - d. Grab bars mounted 32-37 inches from the floor, 1-1¹/₂ inches wide and 1-1¹/₂ inches from wall
 - e. Toilet paper rolls freely
 - f. Signed where appropriate
4. Tables/Benches
- a. Shooting/picnic tables: (28-34 inches tall, 30 inches wide, 19 inches deep)
 - b. The end of the table can be used by a person in a chair
 - c. Benches 16-20 inches tall
 - d. Table/benches on concrete or asphalt

2 - Level II - Accessible With Minimal Assistance

1. Parking
- a. Paved and semi-level
 - b. Slopes may exceed 2 percent
 - c. Designated spaces but of variable widths
 - d. Signs may or may not be installed
2. Path of Travel/Trails/Fishing Elements
- a. May exceed 1:12 maximum for running slopes
 - b. Cross slopes may exceed 2 percent
 - c. Rest areas may or may not be present
 - d. Sites may not have railings or edge protection at drop-offs
 - e. Ground surface may have some texture
 - f. Changes in level greater than three-fourths inch may occur

3. Toilets/Privies
 - a. Similar to privies in Level 1 but have minor variances, for example grab bars may be a little too far from the wall
4. Tables/Benches
 - a. Similar to tables/benches in Level 1
 - b. Persons in a chair may need assistance to use the tables

3 - Level III - Challenging/Accessible Only With Assistance

1. Parking
 - a. Gravel parking lots, some with slopes much greater than 2 percent
 - b. No reserved parking
 - c. No signs
2. Path of Travel/Trails/Fishing Elements
 - a. Trails/paths of travel may not be paved and may be steep
 - b. Changes in level greater than three-fourths inch are common
 - c. No railings or edging on landings and/or drop-offs
3. Toilets/Privies
 - a. Older style construction (i.e. steps, limited room, no grab bars)
 - b. Usable only with assistance

4 - Level IV - Difficult or natural/undeveloped

There are no man-made elements at this location. The natural terrain is unaltered.

REGION 8 TABLE

ST. LOUIS REGION

Franklin

Chouteau Claim Access
 Colter's Landing Access
 Little Indian Creek C.A.
 Port Hudson Lake C.A.
 (No Fishing Until 1996)
 Sand Ford Access
 Washington City Access

Jefferson

Brown's Ford Access
 Flamm City Access
 Mammoth Access
 Merrill Horse Access

St. Charles

Blanchette Landing Access
 Busch Memorial C.A.
 Howell Island C.A.

	Boat/Canoe Launching Ramp	Camping	Fishing	Hunting	Range	Trails	Parking	Toilet/Privy	Center	Picnic Area
	C		3				3	3		
	C		3				3	2		
		4		4		4	3			
	C		1				1	1		1
	C		3				3			
	C		2			1	1	1	2	2
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	C		4				3			
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	C		3				1	2		
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	N		2	4		4	3			

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G Gravel boat/canoe launching ramp with a 10-20% slope

N Natural ground surface (undeveloped) of variable slope which may have a gradual or steep bank

REGION 8 TABLE
ST. LOUIS REGION

St. Louis

	Boat/Canoe Launching Ramp	Camping	Fishing	Hunting	Range	Trails	Parking	Toilet/Privy	Center	Picnic Area
. Louis										
Allenton Access	C		3				3	3		
Bee Tree Lake			3				1	2	2	2
Greentree Park Access	C		2				1	2		
Hickory Woods C.A.						3	1			
Klamberg Woods C.A.						3	2			
North Riverfront Park	C		3			2	2			
Powder Valley Nature Center						2	1	1	1	
Rockwoods Reservation						1	1	1	1	2
Spanish Lake	N		1			2	1	2		
Walker Lake/ Kirkwood City Park			2			3	1	1		1

Warren

Daniel Boone C.A.	4		4			3			3
Little Lost Creek C.A.	4		4			3			
Reifsnider State Forest	4	4	4	4	4	3			3

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CHOUTEAU CLAIM ACCESS

Franklin County

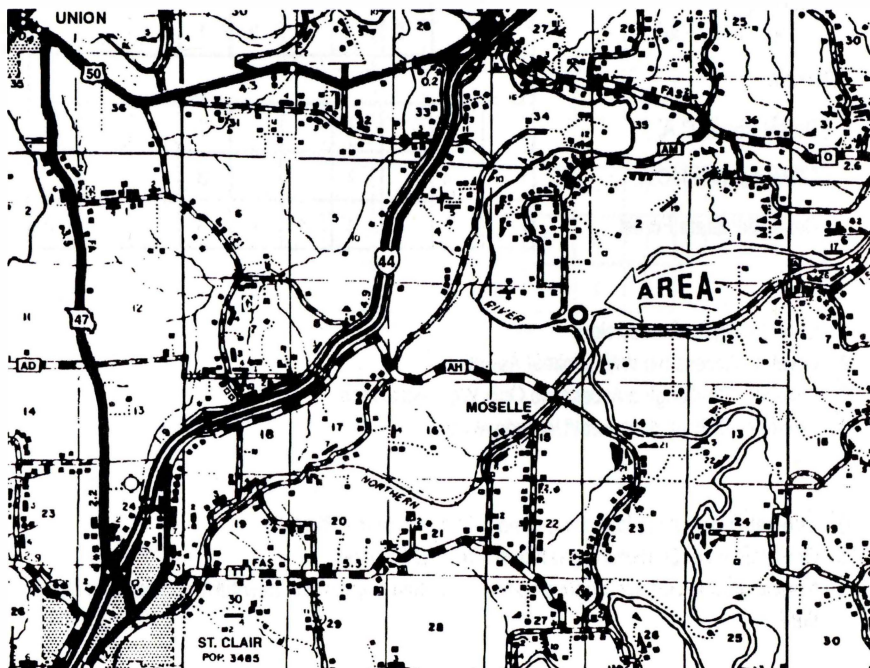
Chouteau Claim Access is a 15-acre tract of public land where visitors have access to the confluence of the Bourbeuse and Meramec Rivers.

► Facilities

The parking lot has a level, gravel surface. There is a parking area on each side of the concrete boat ramp. The ramp has a 15 percent slope. Assistance may be necessary to launch a boat. A unisex, roofless, doorless privy is on a level, mowed grass path. There is a step to get inside. Once inside, a generous maneuvering area is provided.

► Location

Chouteau Claim Access is located in Franklin County. From I-44 north of St. Clair, take Highway AH east to St. Mary's Road. Watch for Department of Conservation signs. Call (314) 468-3335 for additional information.



COLTER'S LANDING ACCESS

Franklin County

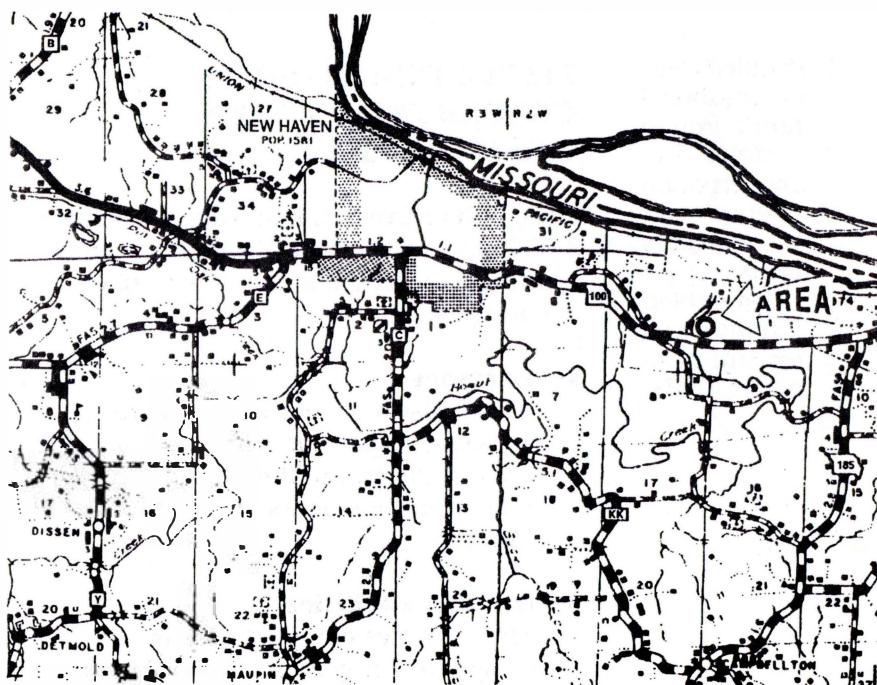
Colter's Landing Access is a 6-acre tract of land where visitors may fish and boat on Boeuf Creek.

► Facilities

The parking lot is level and surfaced with gravel. The men's and women's privies are located on a mowed grass surface in the center of the parking lot. The privies have been designed to be accessible with appropriate door width, maneuvering space and grab bars. A low step is present at the threshold. At the end of the parking lot is a concrete boat ramp. The ramp has a 15 percent slope. Assistance may be necessary to launch a boat.

► Location

Colter's Landing Access is located in Franklin County. The access is on Highway 100 just east of New Haven. Call (314) 468-3335 for additional information.





A disabled deer hunter (above) hunts from a tree stand. The Conservation Department makes provisions for disabled hunters on several of its public lands.

LITTLE INDIAN CREEK CONSERVATION AREA Franklin County

Little Indian Creek Conservation Area is a 3,000 acre forest tract. Visitors can enjoy hunting, camping and use of a public shooting range.

► **Entrance**

This conservation area has a gravel driveway that leads to a large camping area at the end of the loop. There are no support elements or facilities at this location.

► **Outdoor Facilities**

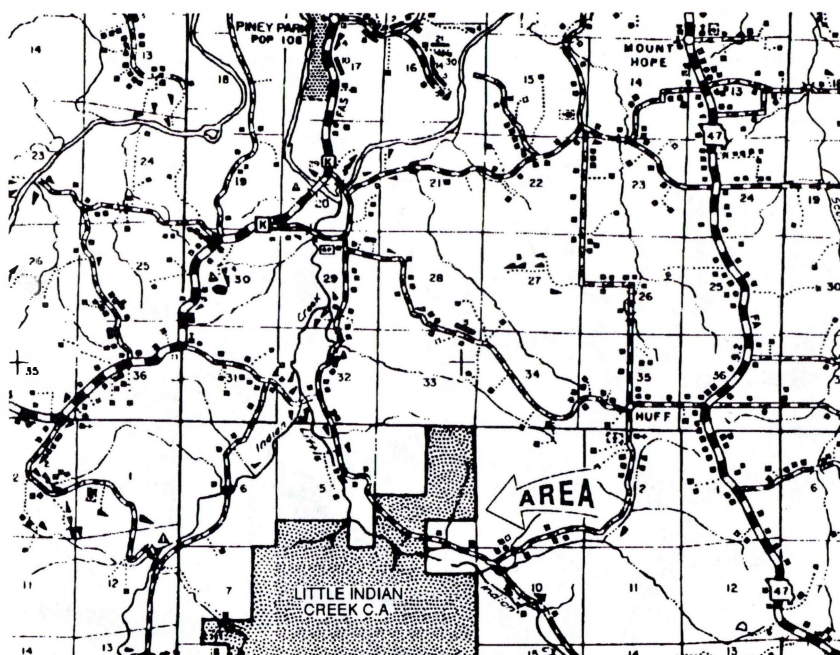
The primitive camping area is designated only by a posted sign.

Campsites are on a naturally level surface with mowed grass; vehicles may park next to the campsites.

The only other facility at this area is a shooting range. It is up a rough, steep, dirt path.

► **Location**

Little Indian Creek Conservation Area is located in Franklin County east of Sullivan. Take I-44 west of St. Louis to Highway 47 South. Go west at Project Road and turn south on Little Indian Creek Road. Watch for Department of Conservation signs. Call (314) 468-3335 for additional information.



PORT HUDSON LAKE CONSERVATION AREA

Franklin County

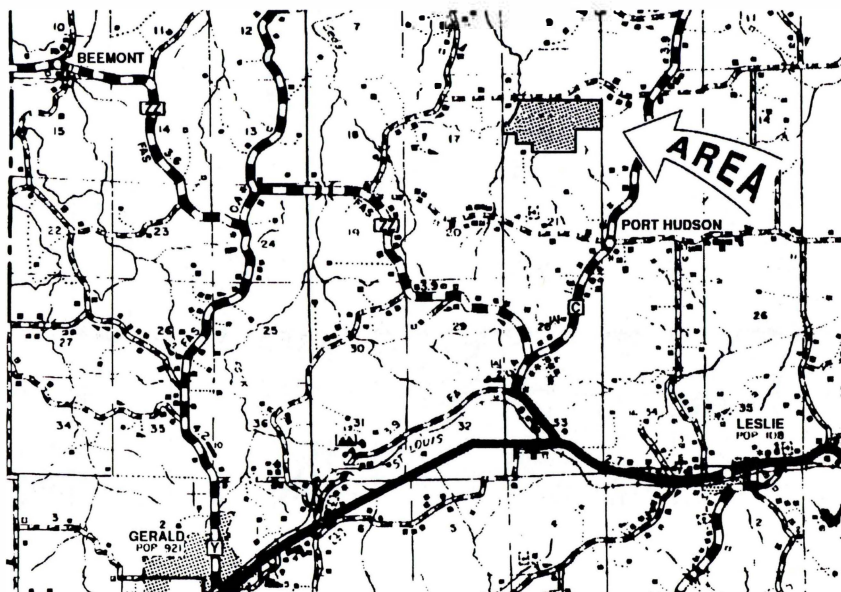
The recently constructed facilities at this 55-acre scenic lake are well designed and highly accessible. The lake has been recently stocked with fingerlings, and is closed to fishing until they mature.

► Outdoor Facilities

Port Hudson Lake has a gravel road that leads to a paved, level parking area which has been marked accessible. A paved path provides direct access to two fishing docks, the men's and women's privies and a covered shelter. Wooden guardrails at the docks are constructed with a vertical gap to allow a fishing rod to be held at any level at various places around the dock's edge. This provides safe, accessible fishing.

► Location

Port Hudson Lake Conservation Area is located in Franklin County southeast of Washington. The area is still being developed and will be open to the public on a limited basis only. For area usage, guidelines and directions, contact Meramec Forest District, Junction Business I-44 & 185 South, Sullivan, MO 63080. The telephone number is (314) 468-4157.



SAND FORD ACCESS

Franklin County

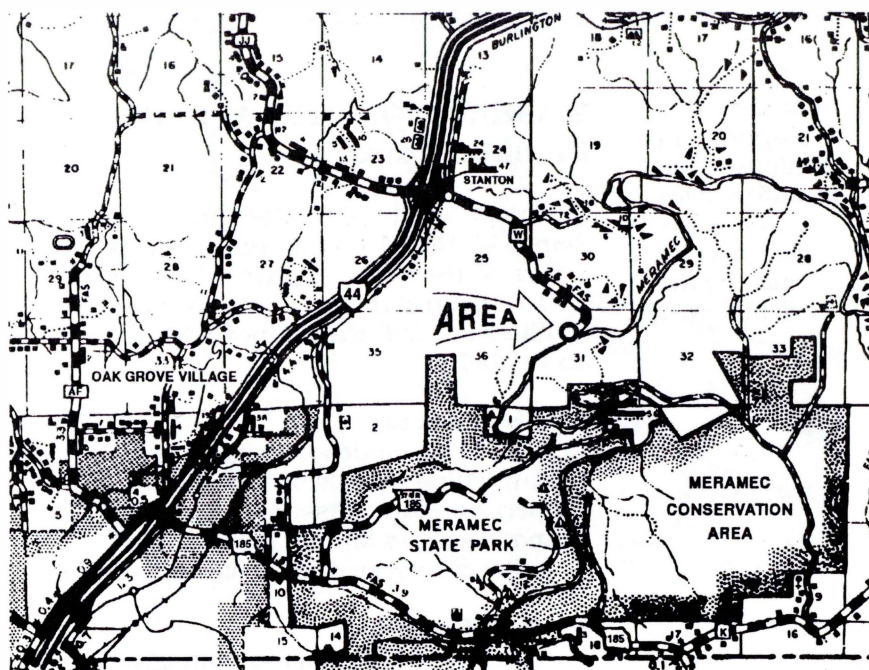
Sand Ford Access is a 30-acre tract of public land along the Meramec River. Visitors use the area primarily to launch boats into the river.

► Facilities

The level parking lot has a gravel surface. The concrete boat ramp used to launch a boat has a 15 percent standard slope. Assistance may be necessary to launch a boat.

► Location

Sand Ford Access is located in Franklin County. From I-44 north of Sullivan, go east on Highway W. Watch for the Department of Conservation signs. Call (314) 468-3335 for additional information.





*Conservation
Department
facilities often
include privies
or toilets
designed for
use by the
disabled.*

WASHINGTON CITY ACCESS Franklin County

Washington City Access is part of the James W. Rennick Park and provides access to the Missouri River. This area offers a beautiful view of the river and the facilities are well maintained with good accessibility.

► **River Access**

The site includes a concrete boat launching ramp with a standard 15 percent slope. Assistance may be necessary to launch a boat. The adjacent parking lot is paved and level.

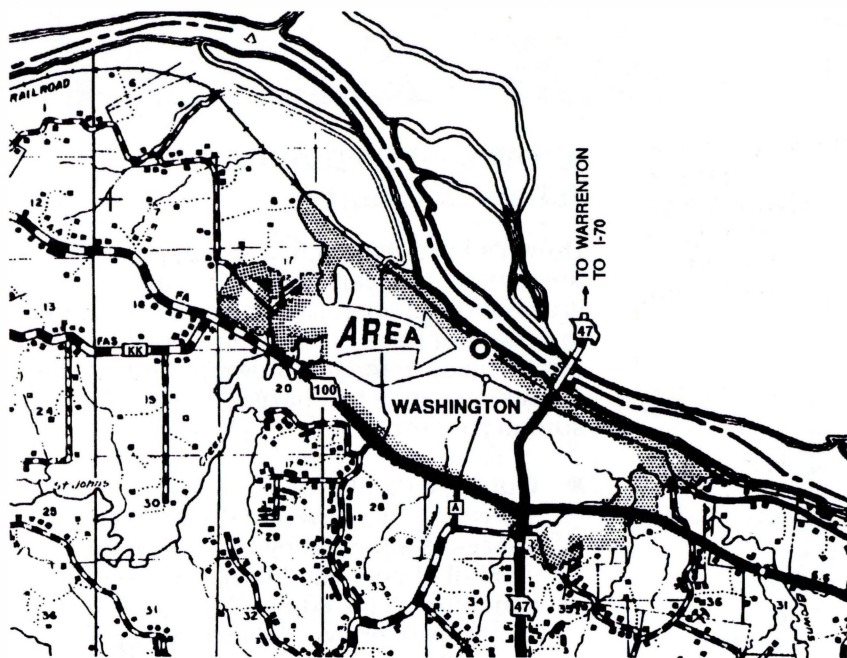
► **Park Facilities**

The city of Washington manages the adjoining park. It has a level, paved parking lot with reserved spaces and access aisles. A paved path leads from

the parking lot to a picnic shelter with picnic tables. Another level, paved path goes to the accessible men's and women's rest rooms. There are scenic riverfront overlook areas which have benches with backrests.

► **Location**

Washington City Access is in the city of Washington in Franklin County. Take I-70 to Highway 47 South and go to the intersection of Highway 47 and Highway 100. Take Highway 100, continue west to Jefferson Street and turn north. Look for the James Rennick Park sign. Call (314) 468-3335 or (314) 390-1080 for additional information.





*Some accessible
privies on
Conservation
Department
areas include
grab bars.*

BROWN'S FORD ACCESS

Jefferson County

Brown's Ford Access is a small, peaceful area where you can bank fish from a grass-covered shoreline or launch your boat into the Big River. Jefferson County Parks Department manages Brown's Ford Access. A user's fee may be charged during the summer months.

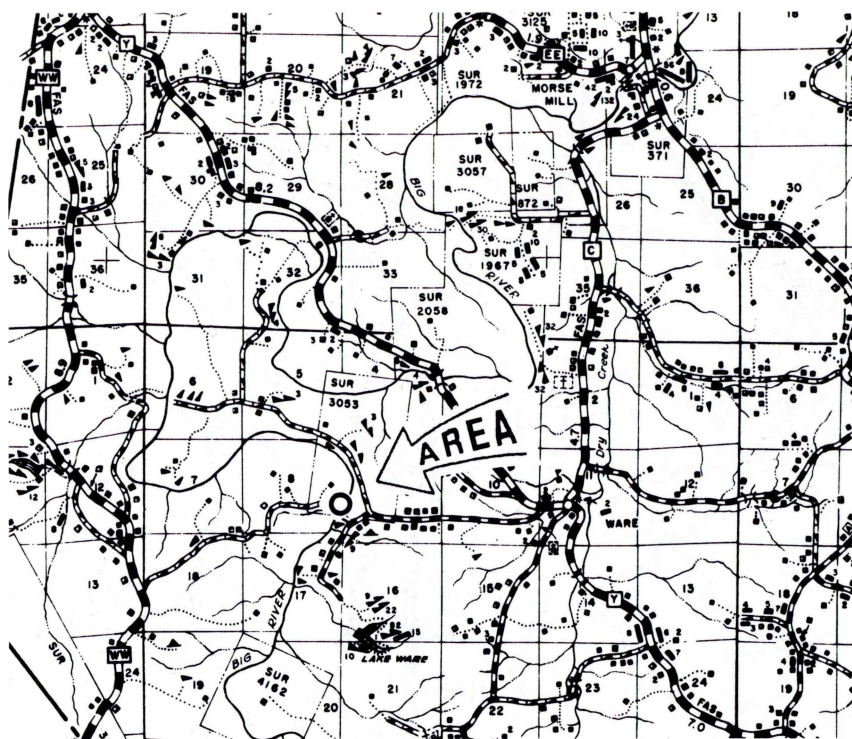
► **Outdoor Facilities**

There are two paved and level parking spaces designated by the universal symbol of accessibility painted on the concrete. A paved and level path leads to a unisex privy. This roofless privy is accessible and has adequate floor space and grab bars.

The remaining gravel parking lot leads to the Big River. The concrete boat launching ramp has the standard 15 percent slope. Assistance may be necessary to launch a boat.

► **Location**

Brown's Ford Access is located in Jefferson County. From St. Louis, go west on I-44 and take Hwy. B South to Hwy. C. Take Hwy. C South through the town of Ware to Hwy. Y. Go west on Hwy. Y to Brown's Ford Road and watch for Missouri Department of Conservation sign immediately after crossing the Big River bridge. Call (314) 285-5051 for additional information.



FLAMM CITY ACCESS

Jefferson County

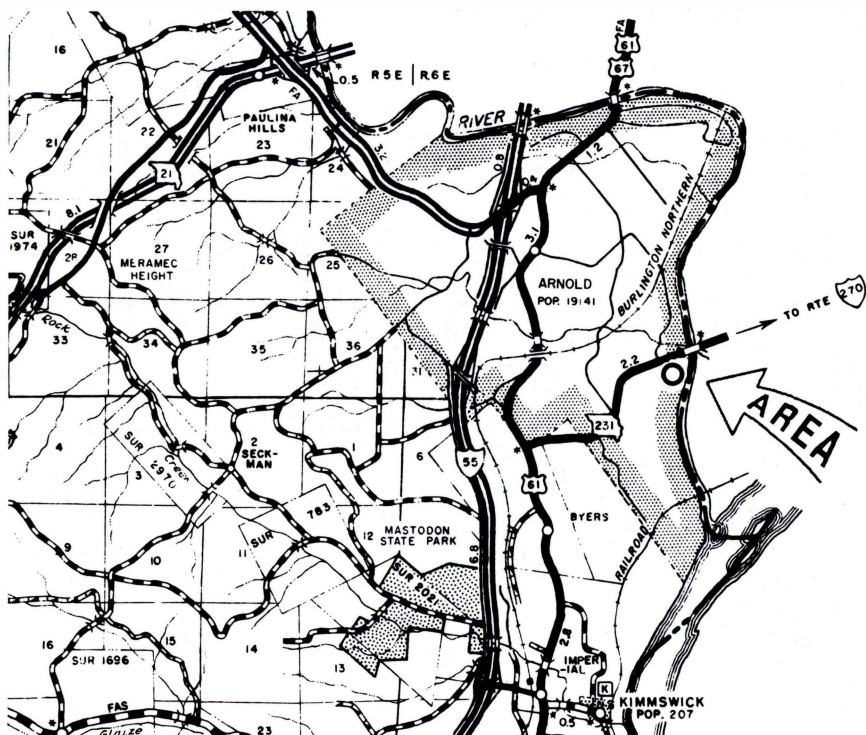
Flamm City Access is on the Meramec River. Water levels should be determined before boat launching at this location because the river level fluctuates.

► Facilities

The road and parking lot are paved and level. The concrete boat ramp has a 15 percent slope. Assistance may be needed to launch a boat.

► Location

Flamm City Access is located in Arnold at the Highway 231 (Telegraph Road) bridge. Watch for the Department of Conservation sign on the west side of the Meramec River. Call (314) 282-2380 for additional information.



MAMMOTH ACCESS

Jefferson County

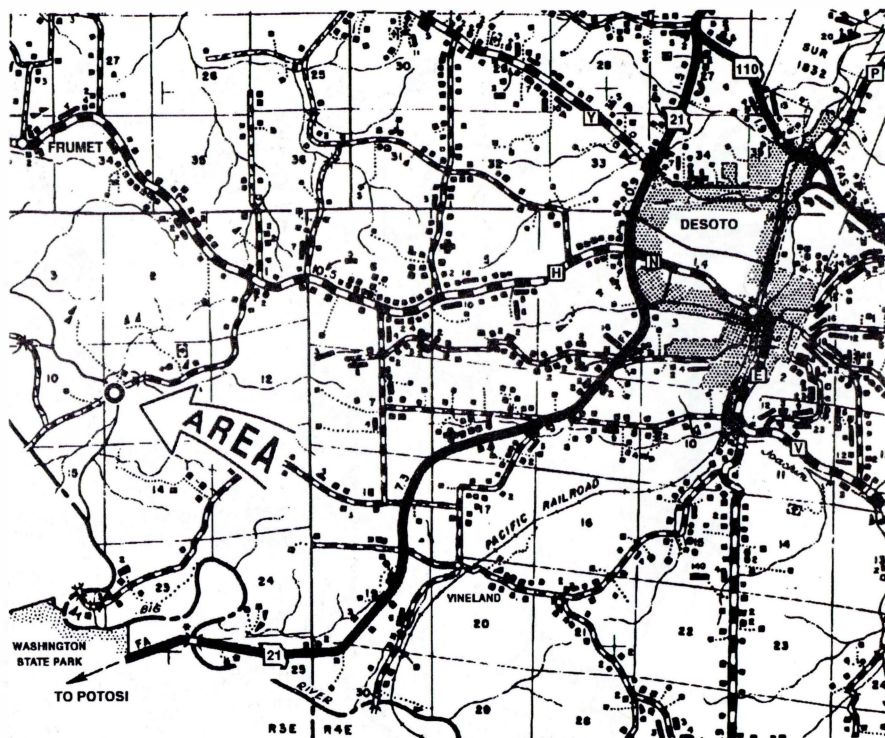
Mammoth Access is a small area where visitors can fish and launch boats into the Big River.

► Outdoor Facilities

The parking lot has a gravel surface that is level. There is a concrete boat ramp with a 15 percent slope. Assistance may be necessary to launch a boat.

► Location

Mammoth Access is located in Jefferson County west of DeSoto. On Highway 21 South from St. Louis County, take Highway H west. Go south on Mammoth Road at the Department of Conservation sign. Call (314) 458-2236 for additional information.



MERRILL HORSE ACCESS

Jefferson County

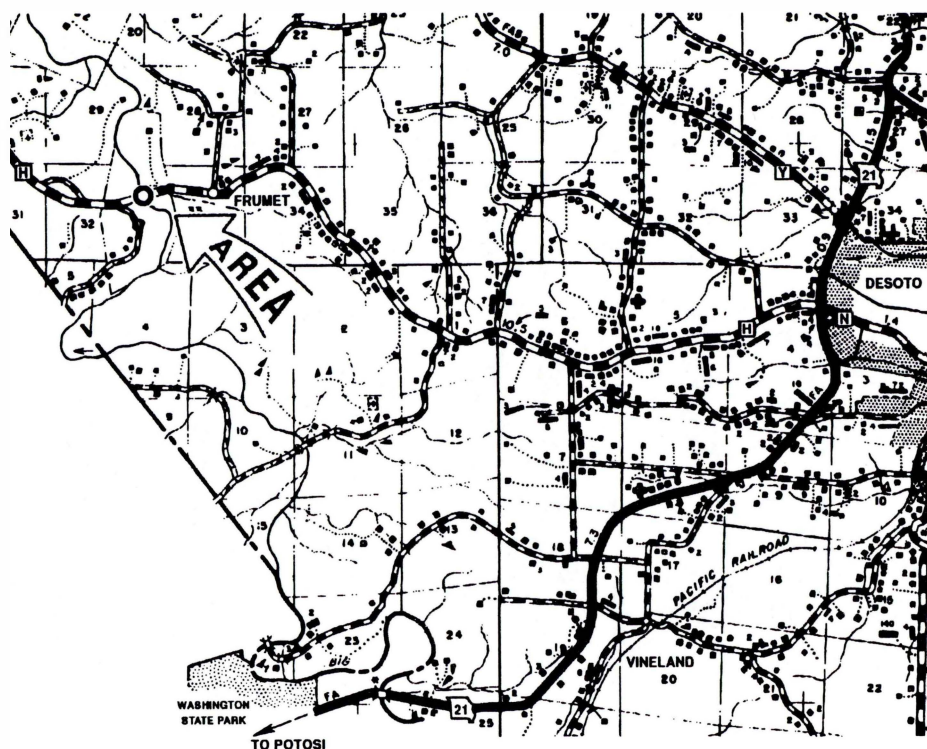
Merrill Horse Access is a 75-acre tract of land used primarily for fishing and launching boats into the Big River. Hunting is also permitted on this area.

► Facilities

The driveway and parking lot are level and surfaced with gravel. A boat launching ramp is the only other element at the facility. The concrete ramp has a 15 percent slope. Disabled visitors may need assistance to launch a boat.

► Location

Merrill Horse Access is located in Jefferson County west of De Soto on Highway H. Watch for the Department of Conservation sign west of Big River. Call (314) 458-2236 for additional information.



BLANCHETTE LANDING ACCESS

St. Charles County

Blanchette Landing Access is a small area primarily used to launch boats into the Missouri River. It is just north of I-70 in southwest St. Charles. The St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department manages this area.

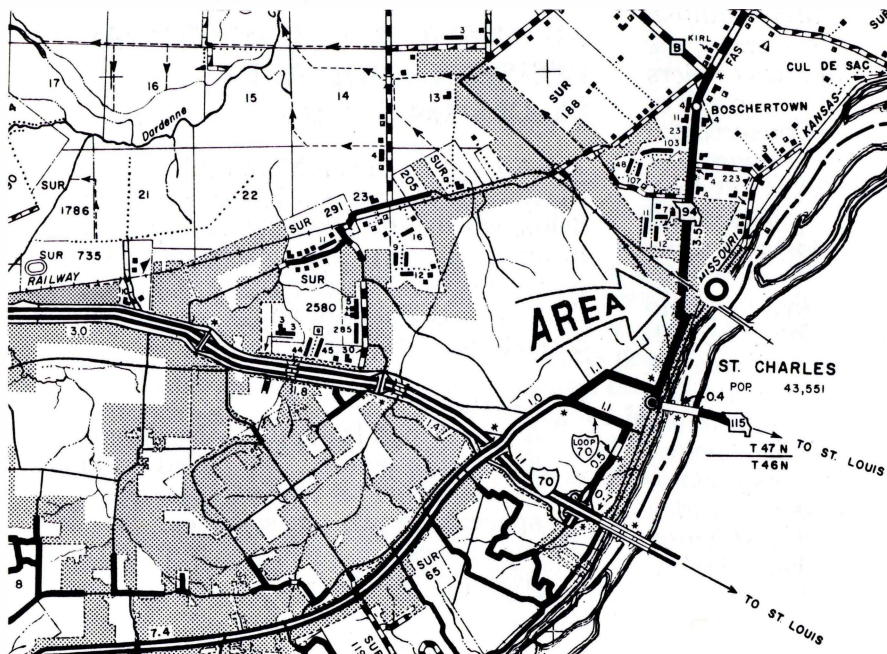
► Outdoor Facilities

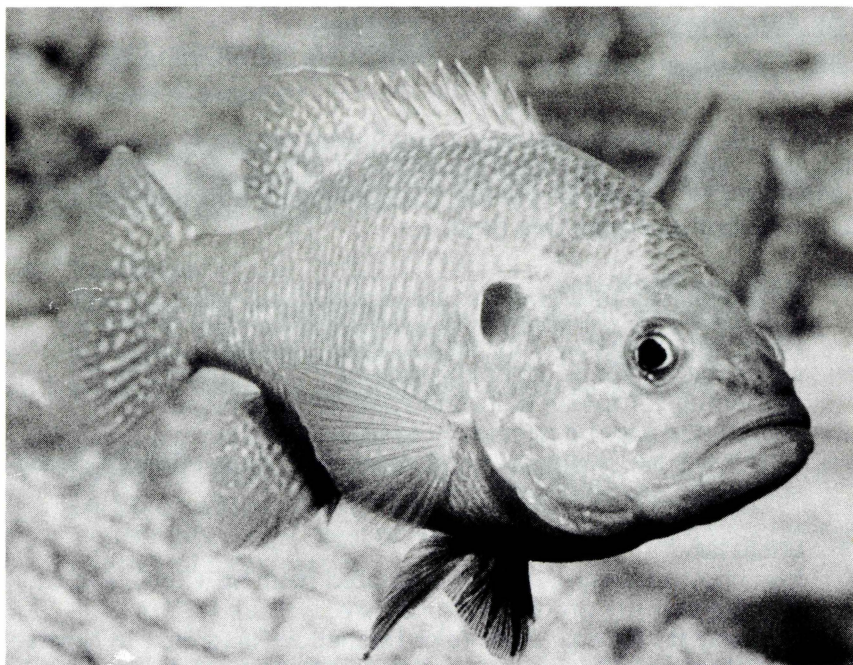
The driveway, parking lot and boat ramp to the Missouri River are all paved. The area is level, making it easy to maneuver boats or other equipment. The concrete boat launching ramp has a standard 15 percent slope. Assistance may be necessary to launch boats.

The privies, designed to be accessible, have adequate floor space and are equipped with grab bars.

► Location

Blanchette Landing Access is located near St. Charles in St. Charles County on the Missouri River. Take I-70 to Highway 94 North. Then take Boonslick Road east to North River Road until it goes under the Highway 115 bridge. Watch for signs in St. Charles. Call (314) 285-5051 for additional information.





Green sunfish are one of the species anglers catch at

Conservation Department lakes. Fishing jetties and docks at some lakes help anglers get to where the fish are. A

Conservation Department public shooting range (right, above) includes designated parking spaces.

AUGUST A. BUSCH MEMORIAL CONSERVATION AREA St. Charles County

The August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area is a 7,000 acre tract of fields, woods and lakes. It offers fishing, hunting, shooting, bird watching and nature study. There is also a visitor center that features exhibits and offers educational programs.

► Entrance

A paved road leads to the headquarters and visitor center. The paved parking lot includes four posted, reserved spaces and two access aisles. Two of the spaces are directly in front of the headquarters building.

► Headquarters/Visitor Center

At the area headquarters, visitors can ask for area maps, information, regulations and help from the staff. The path to the headquarters from the parking lot has a slope.

At the Busch Area visitor center, the Conservation Department offers a wide variety of wildlife, fish and forestry programs for children and adults. Groups may telephone prior to their visit to request reasonable accommodations or arrangements for disabled participants.



► Outdoor Facilities

The Conservation Department also has accessible managed turkey and deer hunts at the Busch Area. Contact area personnel for details and hunting regulations.

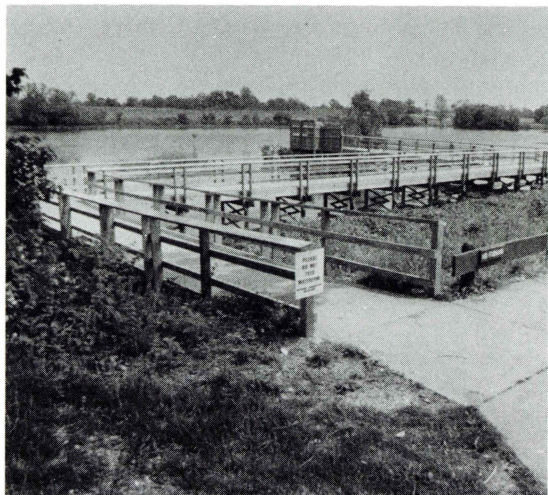
By taking an auto tour of the Busch Area, you can see and learn about the area's significant features from the convenience of a vehicle. The auto tour manual and other area documents are available at the drive up information center at the area entrance.

The August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area has many lakes open to public fishing. Several are accessible to people with disabilities.

The first lake you will see upon entering the area is the **waterfowl refuge lake**. The parking lot here is paved and level. Yellow painted posts designate the accessible parking area. A paved path with short guardrails goes down to an accessible wooden refuge boardwalk and observation blind.

The Conservation Department designed **lake number 15** specifically for people with disabilities and for structured educational programs. It includes an accessible fishing dock and a fishing jetty.

The parking lot at lake number 15 is level and paved with three posted, reserved parking spaces and two access aisles. The universal symbol of accessibility is painted on the asphalt. There is a level path to a modified picnic table and



This accessible boardwalk (above) is on the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area near Weldon Spring in St. Charles County. This 7,000-acre area has numerous accessible features, including a shooting range and fishing docks.

to men's and women's accessible privies.

An asphalt path with a switchback turn leads down to a paved fishing jetty. The jetty is level and has concrete parking blocks placed at the edges for safety.

A wide asphalt pier leads to a covered accessible floating fishing dock. The guardrails at the dock's edge are constructed for vertical flexibility. They

allow visitors to hold a fishing rod at any level at various places around the dock's edges. This provides safe and accessible fishing.

Lake number 6 has a fishing jetty. A paved parking area includes three posted, generous spaces and two access aisles. There is a paved path leading to men's and women's accessible privies and the asphalt fishing jetty. Concrete blocks placed along the edges ensure the safety of visitors without blocking their view while fishing. This lake site includes a modified picnic table.

Lake number 34 has an accessible fishing dock and jetty. The parking lot is gravel. From the privy, a paved path leads down to a concrete fishing jetty. The path continues to a large half-covered fishing dock. This dock is accessible.

The dock's central fishing "well" style allows fishing either on the outside or in an open center. Guardrails at the inside and outside edges are constructed to allow vertical flexibility. Anglers can hold a fishing rod at any level at various places around the dock.

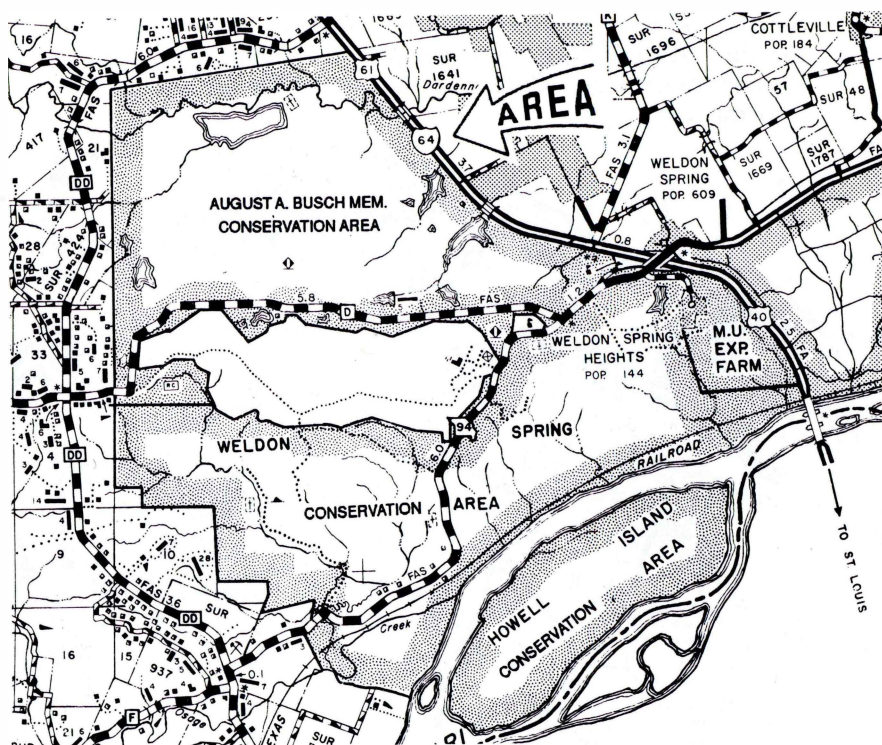
The August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area has a

rifle range with paved shooting booths. A portion of the parking lot is paved and has three posted designated parking spaces with two access aisles. A paved path leads to a staffed service station with a standard counter. Accessible soda machines, trash cans and benches with back rests are provided in this location.

A sustained, yet appropriately sloped, paved path goes to the shooting booths. The doorways are somewhat narrow. A shooting bench and table are provided in each booth. There is a level, packed gravel and soil approach to the targets.

► Location

The August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area is near Weldon Spring in St. Charles County. From St. Louis, go west on Highway 40 (or west on I-70 to Highway 40/61 South) to Highway 94. Go south on Highway 94 to Highway D West and look for Missouri Department of Conservation signs. For business hours and/or additional information, contact the headquarters at (314) 441-4554.



HOWELL ISLAND CONSERVATION AREA

St. Charles County

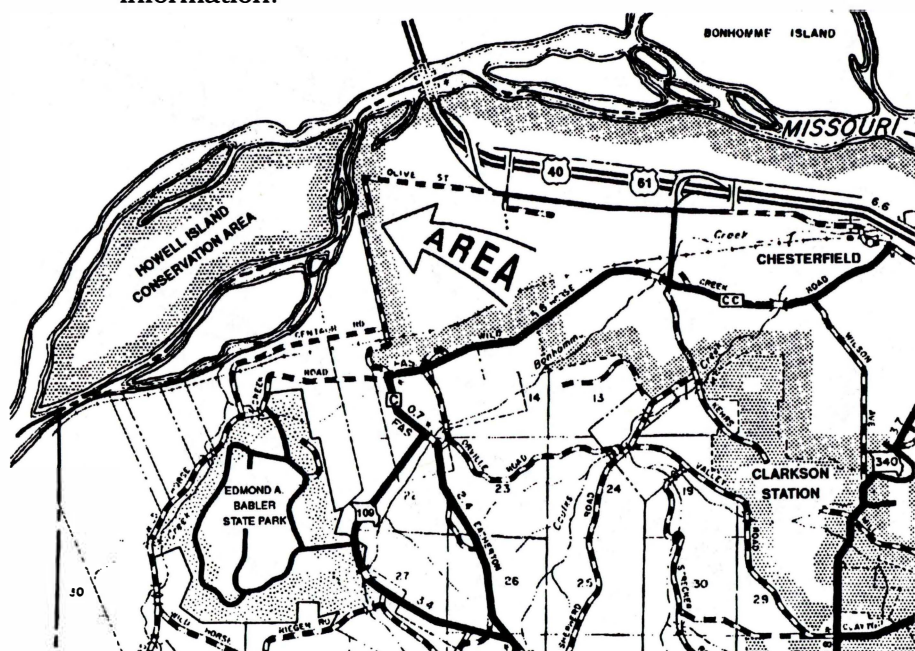
Howell Island Conservation Area is a large island managed primarily to enhance wildlife. It is surrounded by the Missouri River and Centaur Chute. Visitors can get to the island by using a causeway. Once there, they can hunt, fish and enjoy watching the resident Canada geese and other wildlife.

► Outdoor Facilities

A level, gravel parking lot is provided. The slope from this lot to the river is steep. You may park on and fish directly from the causeway. Check river levels before attempting to use this. Overflow and debris could restrict access. There are a number of natural footpaths that lead to the island's forests and cropped fields.

► Location

Howell Island Conservation Area is located in both St. Charles and St. Louis counties in the Missouri River. Take Highway 40/61 West to Chesterfield Airport Road South. Go west on North Eatherton Road (otherwise known as Olive Street). Watch for the Missouri Department of Conservation sign. Call (314) 441-4554 for additional information.



ALLENTON ACCESS

St. Louis County

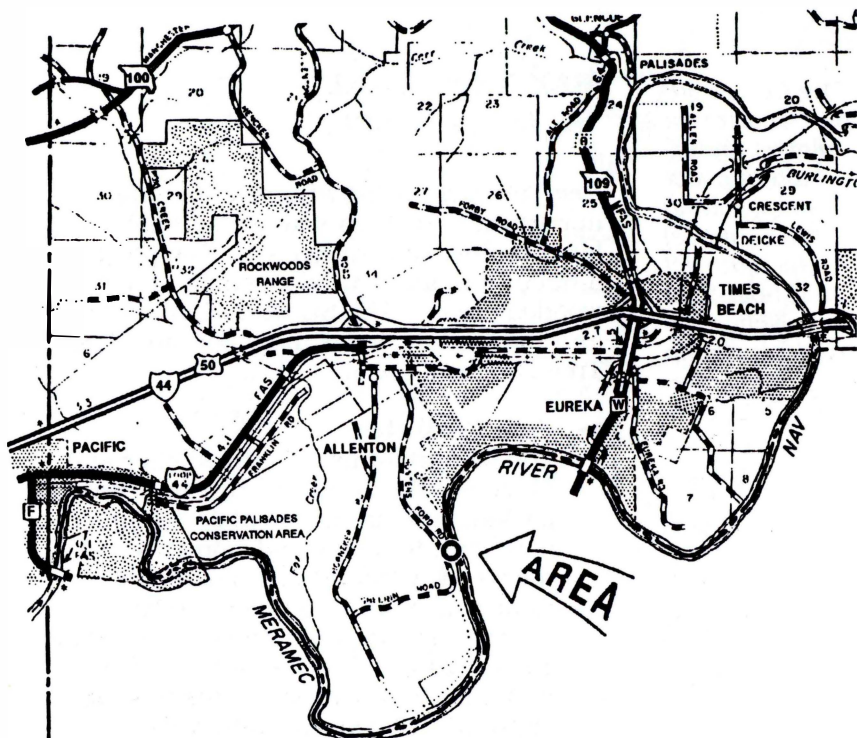
Allenton Access is a 10-acre tract of land where St. Louis area visitors may launch boats into the Meramec River.

► Facilities

The road and area parking lot are gravel. The concrete boat ramp has a 15 percent slope. Assistance to launch a boat may be necessary. A mowed grass pathway leads to men's and women's privies. Due to their size and door width, they will not accommodate a wheelchair.

► Location

Allenton Access is located in St. Louis County just outside Allenton. From I-44, take the Allenton/Six Flags exit. Go south on Allenton/Six Flags Road, then turn east on Main Street. Take Hunters Ford Road south and watch for the Department of Conservation signs. Call (314) 458-2236 for additional information.





The Conservation Department places underwater cover near fishing jetties (above) which attract and hold fish.

Notice the safety curbs on the jettie.

BEE TREE LAKE **St. Louis County**

Bee Tree Lake offers an urban fishing opportunity to visitors at a 9-acre lake and large multi-use county park. The park has a balance of manicured grounds and wooded areas. The St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Department operates Bee Tree Park and Lake.

► **Park Facilities**

The second lot next to the shelter and playground is level and has reserved parking and an access aisle. A direct path goes to men's and women's rest rooms, playground and shelter with numerous standard picnic tables.

Large, group-sized grills are available a few steps behind the shelter. The paved path to the rest rooms has an appropriately sloped ramp with

handrails. There is a designated accessible stall equipped with grab bars in the rest rooms.

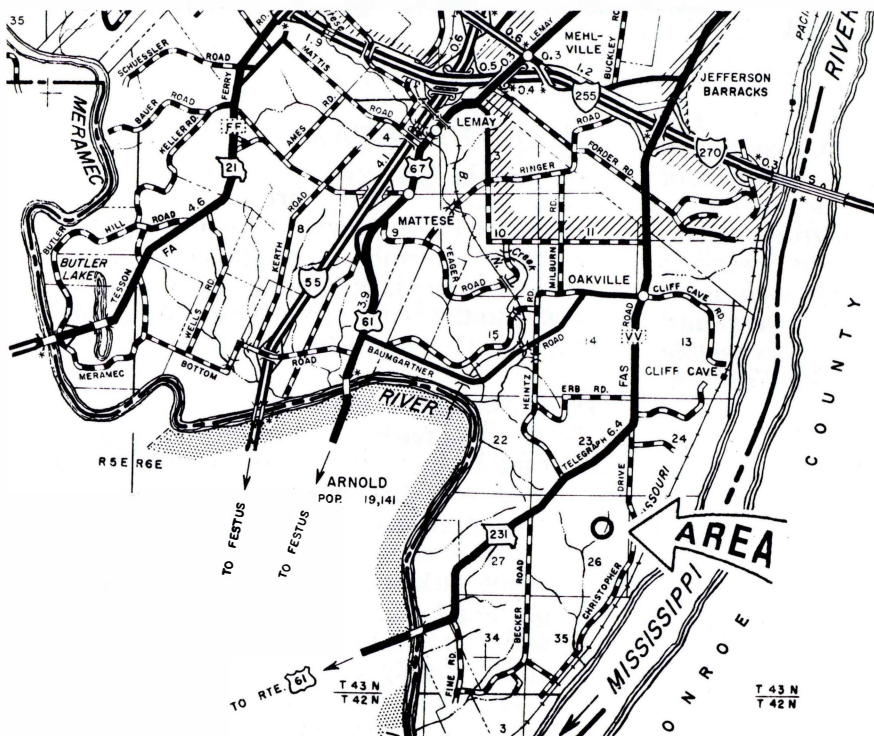
The third parking lot is also paved and has two reserved parking spaces. A path of travel from the parking lot leads to a wide, paved trail with a breathtaking overview of the Mississippi River. The trail is steep in some places. There are benches along this trail where visitors may rest and enjoy the scenery. The wooden overview shelter has benches with backrests and guardrails.

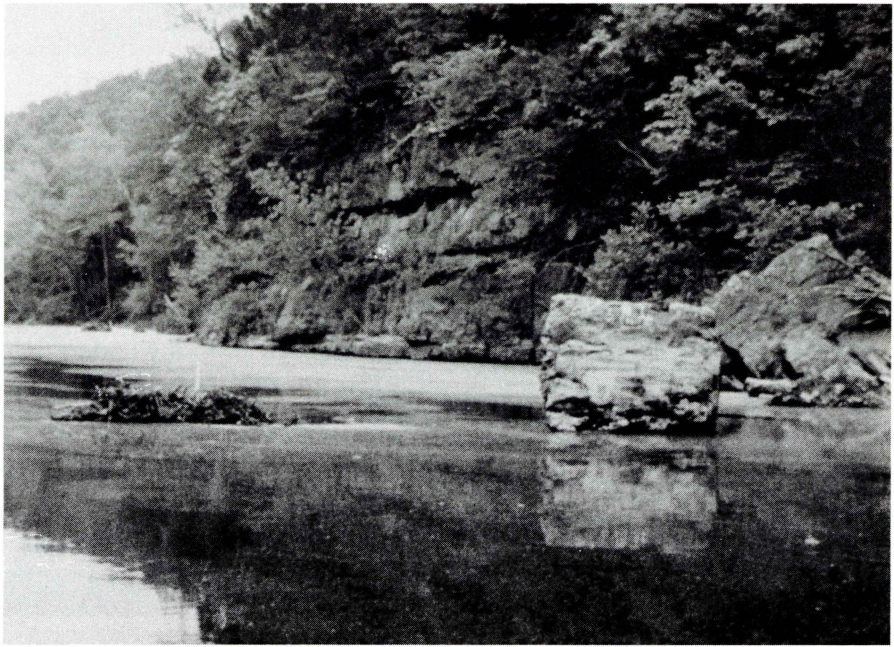
► Lake Facilities

Lake access for fishing is via a steep, grassy hill to a wooden dock. Anglers may be able to fish from the east bank as well.

► Location

Bee Tree Lake is located in St. Louis County. From I-44 go south on I-270, which becomes I-255 East. Go south on Highway 231 to Becker Road and continue south to Finestown Road. Watch for the Bee Tree Lake signs. Call (314) 889-3192 for additional information.





The Conservation Department access on the Meramec River at Greentree Park includes a boat ramp and accessible parking spaces.

GREENTREE PARK ACCESS **St. Louis County**

Greentree Park is on the Meramec River. There are a number of level parking lots reached from Marshall Road that provide access to the park. The city of Kirkwood manages Greentree Park.

► Outdoor Facilities

The first parking lot on the entrance road has a dirt and gravel surface that leads to a dirt race track. There is a posted, reserved parking space.

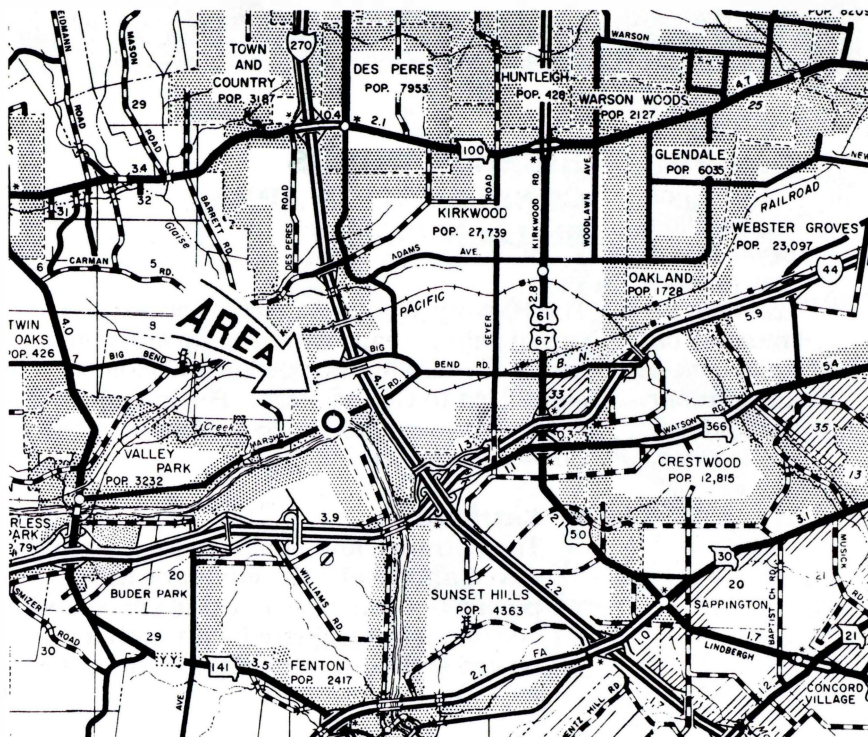
The middle parking lot has a reserved space with an access aisle. The next parking lot has a level asphalt surface with a reserved parking space. An appropriately sloped ramp and a set of stairs lead to the accessible men's and women's rest rooms.

There is a level, paved path leading to the Meramec River. There is a concrete river access ramp with a standard 15 percent slope at this location. Assistance may be needed to launch a boat.

There is a level, wide, dirt surface trail that is shaded and connects these three parking lots. From this vantage point, there is a nice view of the river.

► Location

Greentree Park Access is located in Kirkwood in St. Louis County. Take I-44 to Lindbergh Boulevard North and go west on Big Bend Road. Turn south on Marshall Road and look for area signs. Call (314) 822-5855 for additional information.





Some of the beauty at Conservation Department areas (above) can only be reached on trails with a natural, rather than paved, surface.

HICKORY WOODS CONSERVATION AREA St. Louis County

The Hickory Woods Conservation Area is urban wild acreage with a natural forest inside the city limits. Hickory Woods is connected to Gentry Park. The city of Bridgeton manages Hickory Woods Conservation Area.

► **Entrance**

The entrance and small parking lot are paved and level. The city park has provided a generous parking space and access aisle designated with both a posted sign and symbol painted on the asphalt.

► **Outdoor Facilities**

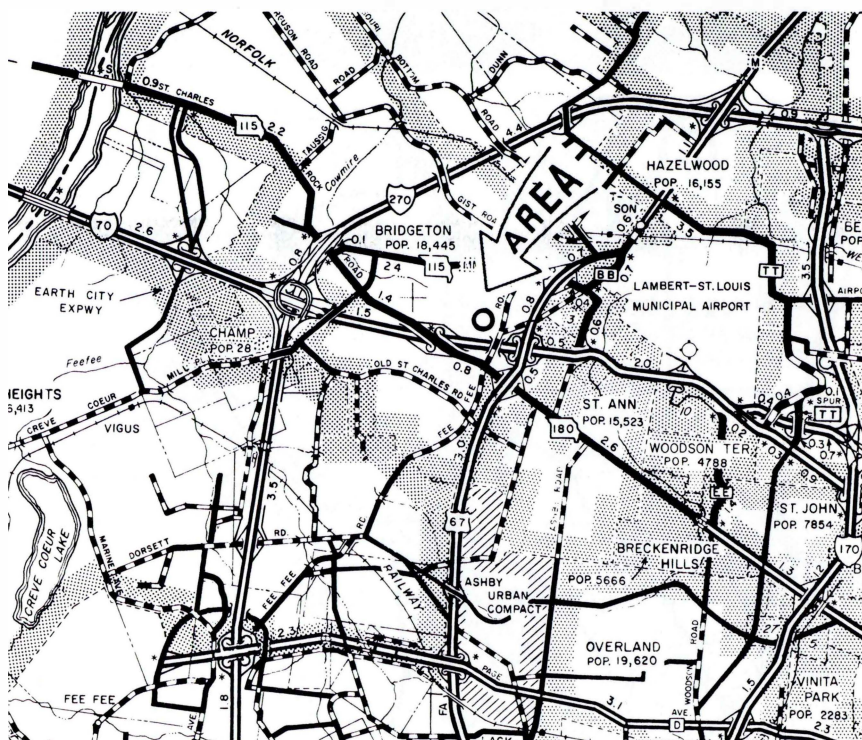
The sidewalk from the parking space

leads directly to the park's rest rooms and the playground equipment. The rest rooms are completely accessible and are identified with signs on the doors that have the universal symbol of accessibility. The drinking fountain is also accessible.

A grass covered hill leads to the Hickory Woods urban wild acreage trail. The trail itself is beautiful, yet primitive, with a natural dirt and grass surface. It is steep and rough in some places.

► Location

Hickory Woods Conservation Area is located in St. Louis County just west of the junction of I-70 and I-270. Take I-70 to St. Charles Rock Road and go south. At Fee Fee Road, turn north and look for the Gentry Park sign. Call (314) 344-0600 for additional information.



NORTH RIVER FRONT PARK ACCESS AND LAKE St. Louis County

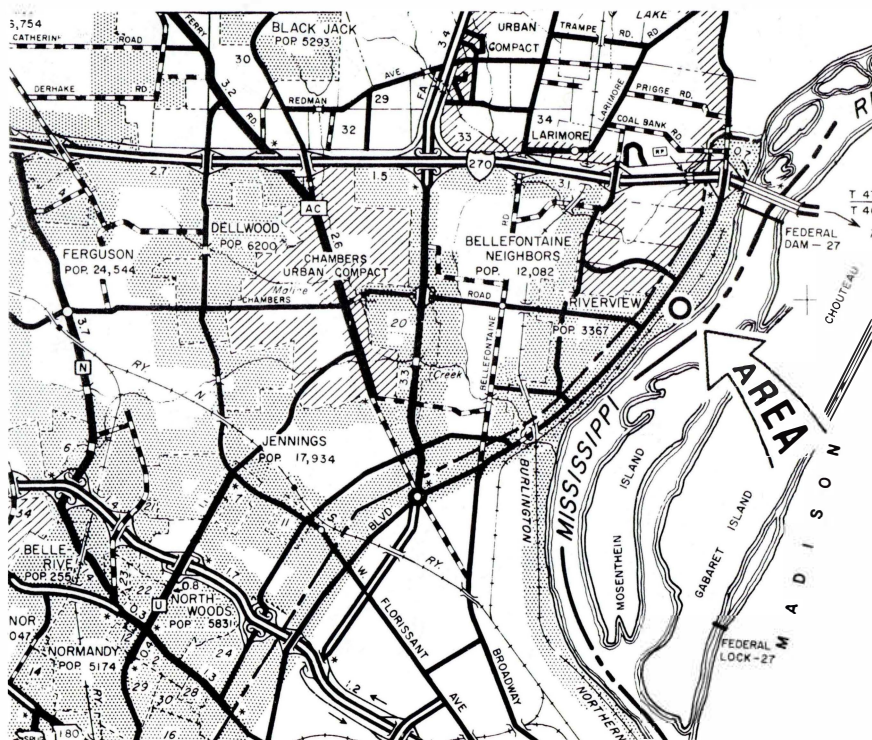
The North River Front Park Access and Lake provide the people of St. Louis access to the Mississippi River and a fishing lake in a parklike urban setting. The St. Louis City Water Division owns and manages the area.

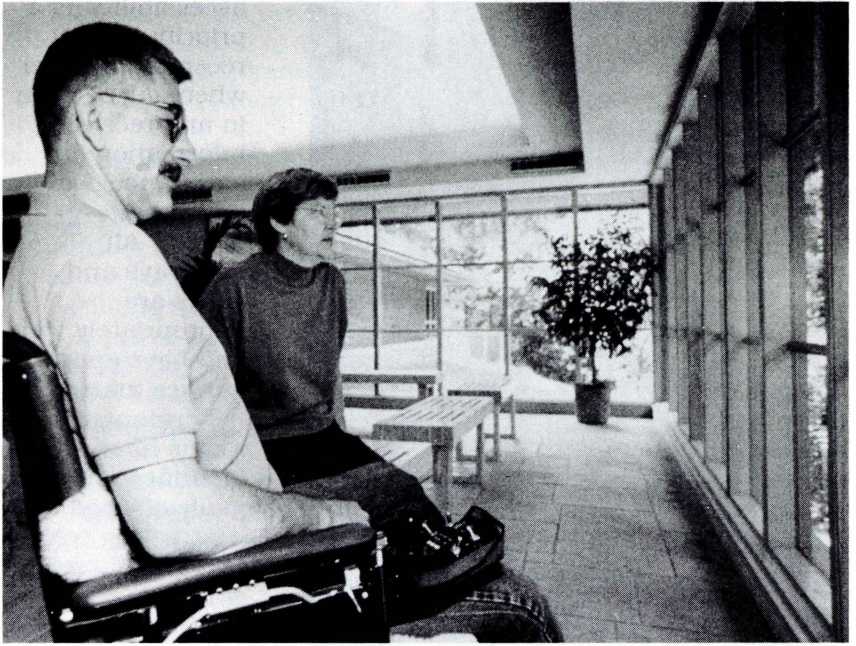
► Outdoor Facilities

The area has paved, level parking and wide, paved trails that go along the Mississippi River and to the lake. Most of the paths are level. The concrete boat launching ramp has the standard 15 percent slope. Assistance may be necessary to launch a boat.

► Location

North River Front Park is located in northwest St. Louis. Take I-270 north to Riverview Drive and go south. Watch for area signs. Call (314) 821-1571 for additional information.





The visitor center at the Conservation Department's Powder Valley Nature Center near St. Louis (above) was designed with accessibility in mind.

POWDER VALLEY CONSERVATION NATURE CENTER St. Louis County

The Conservation Department brought the natural world to city dwellers when it created Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center. Both children and adults with an interest in nature will delight in the exhibits and trails at Powder Valley.

► Entrance

Powder Valley Conservation Area has a paved road and parking lot. There are five reserved spaces and two access aisles that provide a direct path to the Nature Center.

► Visitor Center

The Conservation Department designed and constructed Powder Valley with



The Tanglevine Trail at Powder Valley Nature Center (above) is paved and has a slope appropriate for most people with disabilities.

accessibility as a priority. The reception counter where guests sign in and receive information or assistance is at an appropriate height. All doorways and paths are appropriately wide and have approved surface material.

Permanent rooms have identification signs made of wood with contrasting colors and raised tactile lettering. The auditorium has fixed seating. Multiple spaces are provided for visitors who use wheelchairs. The aisles to the stage have level landings at the top, bottom and halfway down the aisles. Access to the stage is

through a door from the classroom hallway.

A self-guided tour of the exhibits on two floors provides information about Missouri's natural world. Many of the exhibits are interactive and are positioned at a variety of heights. Many exhibits are enclosed in plexiglass boxes. Some of these stick out from the wall to give a three-dimensional effect. Lettering on signs is large and easy to read. Most plaques have letters that contrast with the background and are well lit.

An elevator or stairway provides access to both floors. The nature center's indoor rest rooms, drinking fountain, telephone and door hardware are all accessible.

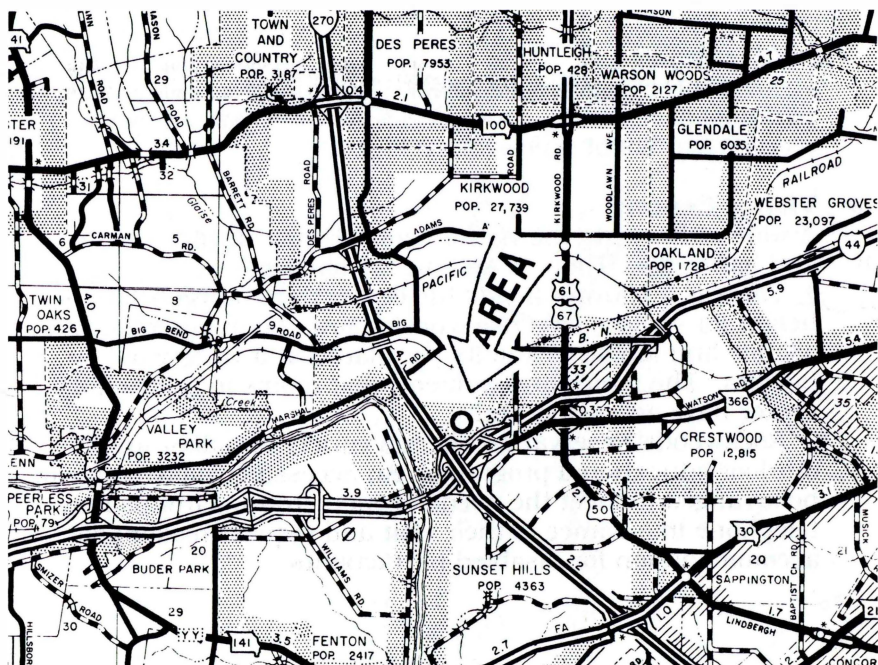
Powder Valley offers a variety of educational programs

► Outdoor Facilities

A paved path connects the nature center staging area and the Tanglevine Trail. This scenic trail is paved and has gravel along each edge. Generally, the slope and cross slope are appropriate for most people with disabilities.

► Location

Contact the nature center staff at (314) 821-8442 for business hours and additional information.





Visitors at Powder Valley Nature Center (above) examine some of the vegetation found along the Tanglevine Trail.

ROCKWOODS RESERVATION St. Louis County

The Missouri Department of Conservation's Rockwoods Reservation is a large tract of forest land for public use and enjoyment. It includes a visitor center that features exhibits and educational programs that focus on the natural world.

► **Entrance**

The paved road leading to the visitor center travels through this beautiful forested area. Various parking lots are situated off this main road. The parking lot at the

visitor center is paved and level. There are two generous parking spaces and a wide access aisle designated by the painted symbol of accessibility.

► **Visitor Center**

A wide walkway to the visitor center is paved with a ramp and handrails. There is an outdoor shelter.

There is a counter inside the center at an appropriate height for visitors who use wheelchairs. Many interesting wildlife and forestry exhibits are placed at a variety of heights. The men's and women's rest rooms in the visitor center have accessible stalls.

Rockwoods Reservation offers a variety of indoor and outdoor educational programs. An accessible classroom can be arranged to meet the needs of each group. Groups may telephone in advance of their visit and request reasonable accommodation for disabled participants.

► Outdoor Facilities

At the second parking lot, there is an entrance to a short, accessible trail. The paved lot has two reserved parking spaces. This lot has a wide access aisle. A paved path leads from the parking lot to the Wildlife Habitat Trail. This trail is short, has little slope or cross slope, but still provides an opportunity to feel secluded in the area's scenic woods.

Look for a contrasting sign at the head of this short trail announcing the trail name. Interpretive trail brochures, also at this location, are a guide to various interesting features along the trail.

A third paved parking lot off of Glencoe Road is paved and provides a reserved parking space and a path up to men's and women's rest rooms. There is a designated accessible stall.

► Location

Rockwoods Reservation is located near Eureka in St. Louis County. Take I-44 to Highway 109 North. Go west on Woods Avenue and turn north on Glencoe Road. Look for Department of Conservation signs. For business hours and/or additional information, contact the visitor center staff at (314) 458-2236.





*The parking lot
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Conservation
Department
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but the main
trail itself has a
natural surface.*

ROGER KLAMBERG WOODS CONSERVATION AREA St. Louis County

Klamberg Woods Conservation Area is a natural wooded area inside the city limits of Ellisville. It is connected to Bluebird Park which is managed by the city of Ellisville.

► **Entrance**

This large city park has a number of accessible facilities. Directional signs are provided throughout the park so facilities can be easily located. All area driveways and parking lots are paved.

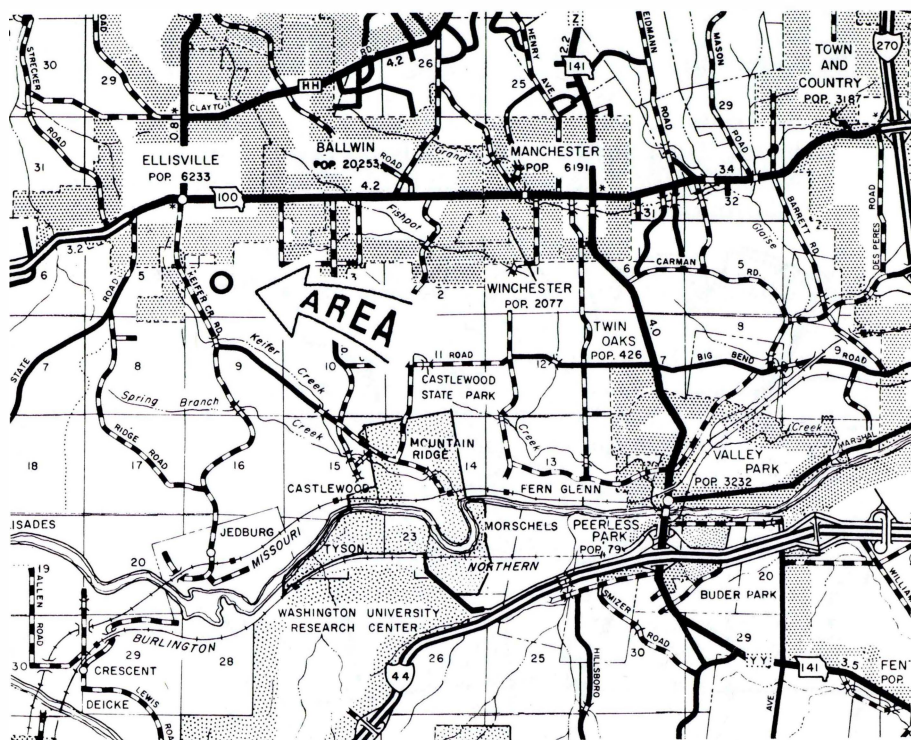
► **Outdoor Facilities**

The parking lot at the Klamberg trail head has an appropriate, yet bumpy surface. The parking lot has reserved

spaces and an asphalt path leads to the trail head. The trail itself is beautiful but primitive with a natural earth and grass-covered surface.

► Location

Klamberg Woods Conservation Area is located in Ellisville in St. Louis County. From I-44 take Highway 141 north to Manchester. Go west to Keefer Creek Road and turn south until you see a sign for Bluebird Park. At the back of Bluebird Park is the Missouri Department of Conservation sign for Klamberg Woods. Call (314) 227-7508 for additional information.



SPANISH LAKE

St. Louis County

Spanish Lake is a beautiful 34-acre lake that offers fishing in an accessible, urban setting. St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Department manages Spanish Lake.

► Entrance

The level asphalt parking lot has two generous spaces with a wide access aisle.

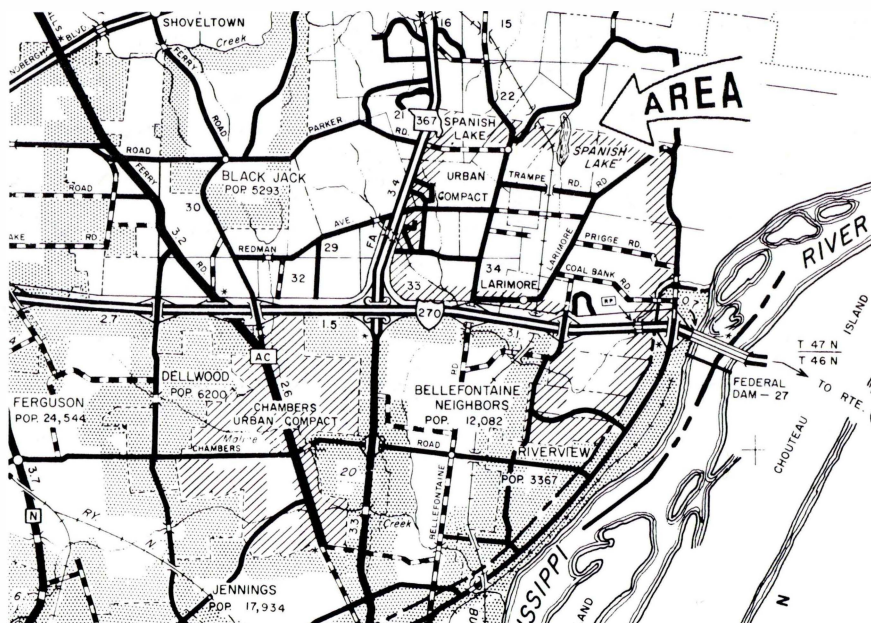
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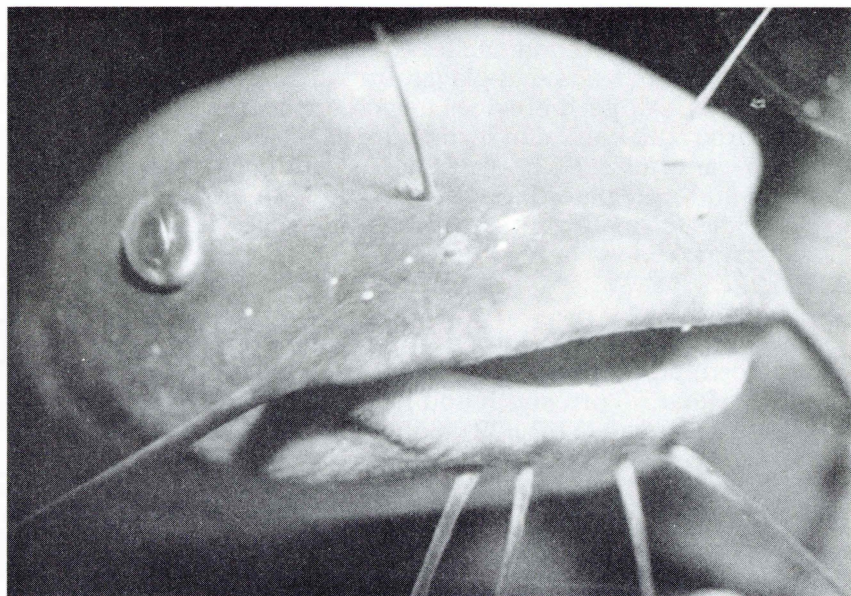
A wide, paved path leads to a dock that has guardrails. An asphalt path leads to the bathrooms. There is a designated stall equipped with grab bars.

The paved pathway continues around the entire lake allowing access to bank fishing opportunities. Generally, it is a level trail.

► Location

Spanish Lake is located north of Bellefontaine Neighbors in St. Louis County. From I-270 North, go to Bellefontaine Road. Turn north to Spanish Pond Road. Go east and watch for the area sign. Call (314) 889-3192 for additional information.





*The
Conservation
Department
stocks many of
its public
fishing lakes
with channel
catfish (above).
Catfish are fun
to catch, and
good to eat.*

WALKER LAKE\KIRKWOOD CITY PARK

St. Louis County

Walker Lake is a 2-acre lake that offers urban fishing at Kirkwood City Park. The park has tennis courts, shelters, trails, a fishing lake and a playground in a highly accessible environment. The Kirkwood City Parks and Recreation Department manages Walker Lake.

► **Entrance**

The parking lot is level and paved with four posted, reserved parking spaces and two access aisles. The universal symbol of accessibility is painted on the asphalt.

► **Outdoor Facilities**

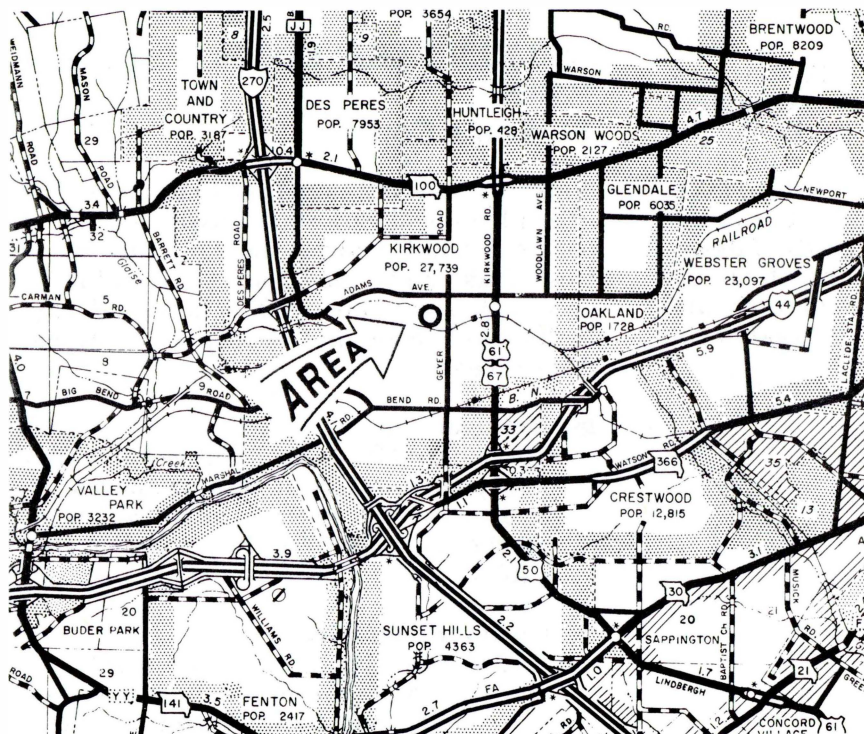
A level paved path goes to the tennis courts. Another level paved path leads to a shelter with standard picnic tables

and a large grill at the appropriate height. The path continues to a second shelter that has accessible rest rooms. The sidewalk leads to a playground and down to the lake.

An asphalt path provides a good opportunity for people to fish from the bank and leads to a disabled-user fishing dock with handrails. There are benches with backrests intermittently placed around the lake. An arched bridge provides a way to get to an island that has a hard packed dirt surface.

► Location

Walker Lake is in Kirkwood in St. Louis County. From I-44, go north on Lindbergh Boulevard to Adams Road. Go west to Geyer Road. Turn south and look for the sign to Kirkwood City Park. Call (314) 822-5855 for additional information.





*Volunteers
(above) often
help disabled
hunters reach
their hunting
area.*

DANIEL BOONE CONSERVATION AREA

Warren County

Daniel Boone Conservation Area is a 3,500 acre tract of public land. The Missouri Department of Conservation manages Daniel Boone to enhance the forest environment and improve wildlife habitat. There are no facilities on the area except support elements at campsites. Visitors may hike, camp, hunt and enjoy the forest's natural beauty.

► **Entrance**

The road through the Daniel Boone Conservation Area is gravel. All parking lots are gravel. Most are level.

► **Outdoor Facilities**

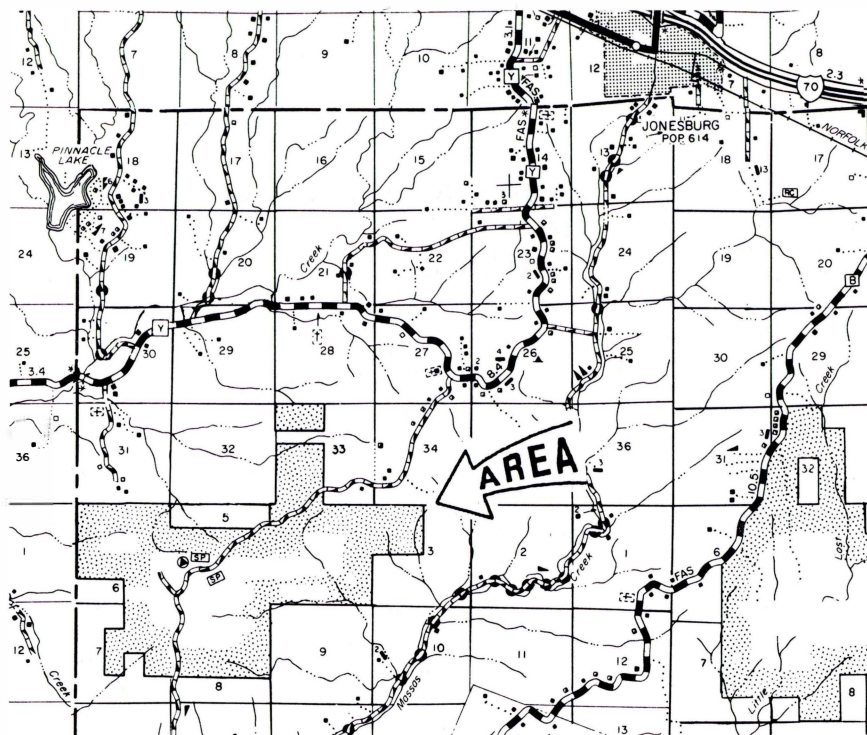
There are a number of dirt paths

leading to various level campsites throughout the area. There are two primitive camping and picnic areas in the northwest corner of the park. These are reached off the main road.

These are shaded, scenic spots that allow vehicles to park adjacent to the campsites. A picnic table and a ground grill is provided. The ground surface at each of these sites is natural and level. From this location and others, natural surface foot paths traverse the area.

► Location

Daniel Boone Conservation Area is located in Warren County west of Warrenton. From I-70 turn south on Highway Y at Jonesburg. Go southwest on County Road 56 and watch for the Missouri Department of Conservation's area sign. Call (314) 456-3368 for additional information.





A healthy oak forest (above) on a Conservation Department area. Such woods offer turkey hunting and hiking in spring, and deer, squirrel and turkey hunting in the fall.

LITTLE LOST CREEK CONSERVATION AREA Warren County

Little Lost Creek Conservation Area is a beautiful 3,000-acre forest. The Missouri Department of Conservation manages Little Lost Creek as a natural forest and wildlife area. The public can enjoy hunting, camping and hiking.

► **Entrance**

The area parking lots can be reached from both Highway EE and Highway B. They are all gravel. Level, well-packed gravel parking lots are provided in the southwest portion of the area from

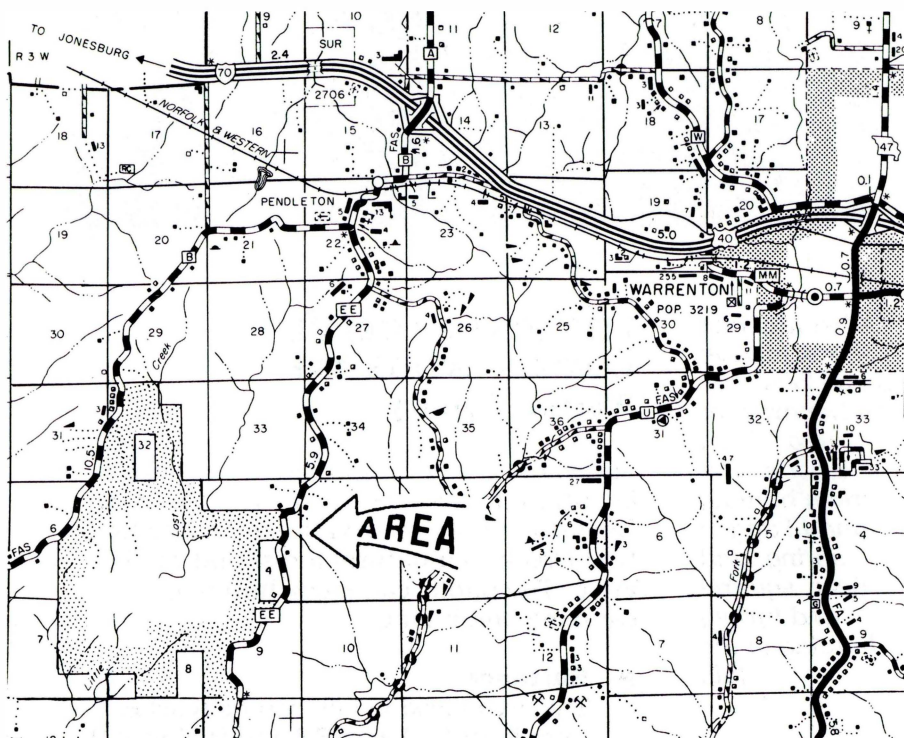
Highway B and in two of the areas reached from Highway EE.

► **Outdoor Facilities**

A natural surface path leads to primitive campsites. A ground grill is the only support element provided at these campsites. The area has some natural footpaths through the forest.

► **Location**

Little Lost Creek Conservation Area is located in Warren County. Take I-70 to Warrenton and go south on Highway B or Highway EE. Look for Department of Conservation signs. Call (314) 456-3368 for additional information.





Trails, like this one (above) at a Conservation Department area, often include signs and displays to help visitors understand the environment they are passing through.

REIFSNIDER STATE FOREST Warren County

Reifsnider State Forest is a 1,400-acre forest tract in Warren County. You can hunt, fish, hike and camp here in a natural setting.

► **Entrance**

The road leading into the area is gravel and steep. This area is sometimes closed because of inclement weather during the winter months. The parking areas are gravel.

► **Outdoor Facilities**

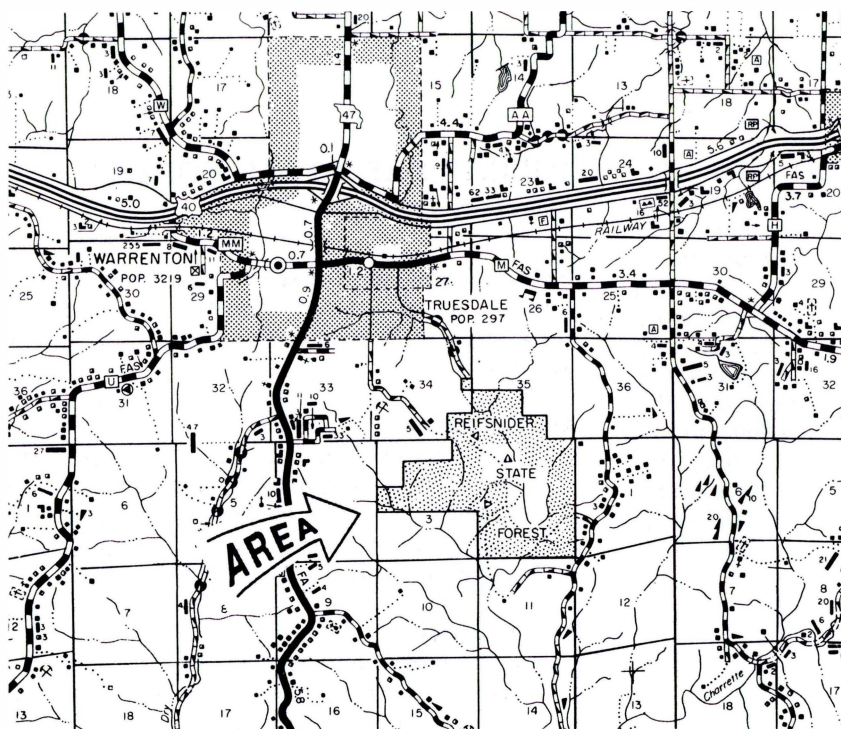
Some campsites are provided. From various parking lots, natural paths lead to campsites where ground grills are the only support element offered to campers. These campsites are mostly

in level, grassy areas.

A shooting range is on the area. A steep, natural dirt and rock path leads to the range.

► **Location**

Reifsnider State Forest is located in Warren County. From I-70, take Highway 47 South at Warrenton. Go east on Highway M to Schuetzen Ground Road. Turn south and watch for Missouri Department of Conservation signs. Call (314) 456-3368 for additional information.





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